

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 19, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday
Dedication of Pledges

10:30 a.m.

***Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Toby Eckert

Leader: Come, all who are weary from the past week.

People: We come seeking rest. We come seeking comfort.

Leader: Come, all who are in need of inspiration for the week ahead.

People: We come seeking God's Truth, Word, and Worship that will set us on the faithful path.

Leader: Come, all who are humble, open, and ready to learn.

People: We come as God's students, ready to listen and learn.

All: Let us come together to worship God with thankful hearts.

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

No. 367

***Prayer for the Day (unison)**

Toby Eckert

Gracious God.

We gather this morning in this house of worship with grateful hearts. We come to add our human voices to the chorus of praise and thanksgiving raised to you by wind and water and all life upon the land. We come as we are, distracted and weary, hopeful, and open; knowing that you accept us as we are. Still the many voices that clamor for attention, that we might center ourselves upon you. Speak to us, Spirit of Life in word and melody and quiet that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened in your service. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

Almighty God,

We confess that we often exalt ourselves while evaluating and judging others. We often assume too much and do not invest enough in listening, learning, and seeking to understand. You call us to humility, yet we resist, puffing ourselves up with prideful arrogance and rigid certainty. We often worry more about what we do not have, rather than being grateful for all of the blessings you have given to us. Forgive us, soften our hard hearts, and open our minds to all we have yet to learn. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

We Gather Together

No. 336

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising

Oak Hill Singers

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

Toby Eckert

Second Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon	<i>Living Our Thanks</i>	Rev. Wanda Lawry
Meditation	<i>Thankful</i>	Susan Brown
Offering	<i>You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org, place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary or mail your check to the church.</i>	Oak Hill Community
*Response	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i> We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.	
Moment for Mission		Donna Cook
Prayers of the People		Oak Hill Community
The Lord's Prayer		Oak Hill Community
	Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.	
Announcements		Rev. Wanda Lawry
*Closing Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	No. 643
Benediction		Rev. Wanda Lawry
Postlude	<i>The Spirit Sends Us Forth</i>	Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

¹²But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more information and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

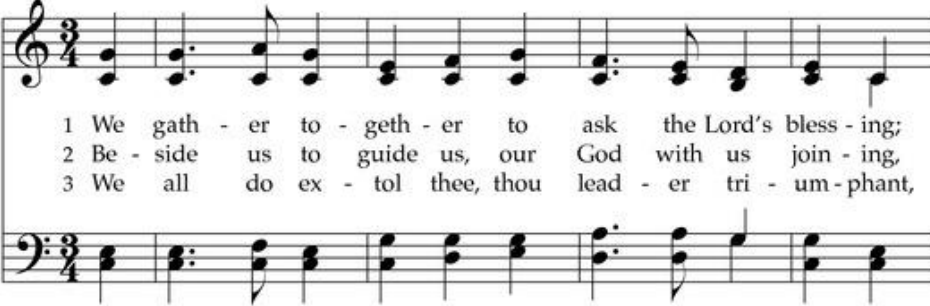
All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

We Gather Together 336



1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

TEXT: Attr. Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894
 MUSIC: *Nederlandsch Cedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
 12.11.12.11
 (this tune in a higher key, 612)

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
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